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SUBJ: AUSTRALIA - NORTH KOREA RELATIONS

REF: SEOUL 5362 (NOTAL)

1. FORMER AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO PRC FITZGERALD WAS UNSUCCESSFUL IN HIS EFFORTS TO VISIT PYONGYANG. ALTHOUGH HE TRIED PERSISTENTLY DURING HIS TWO-WEEK STAY IN PEKING, NORTH KOREAN EMBASSY HERE PROVED COMPLETELY UNCOOPERATIVE, RESPONDING ONLY THAT FITZGERALD'S VISIT TO PYONGYANG WOULD BE "INCONVENIENT" AT THIS TIME.

2. COMMENT: AUSTRALIAN EMBOFFS ARE AT A LOSS TO EXPLAIN REASON FOR NORTH KOREAN TURN-DOWN. IT MAY SIMPLY BE THAT PYONGYANG GOVERNMENT WAS UNABLE ON SUCH SHORT NOTICE TO SORT OUT ITS POLICY TOWARDS AUSTRALIA SUFFICIENTLY TO HAVE MEANINGFUL TALK WITH FITZGERALD. QUESTIONS SURROUNDING FITZGERALD'S OWN CONFIDENTIAL

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STATUS (ALTHOUGH HE IS NO LONGER ON GOVERNMENT PAY-ROLL, AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY STILL CONSIDERS HIM ACCREDITED TO NORTH KOREA, SINCE LETTER WITHDRAWING HIS CREDENTIALS HAS NEVER BEEN GIVEN NORTH KOREANS), MAY ALSO HAVE BEEN A FACTOR IN PYONGYANG'S REFUSAL.
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